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Tuition Increases May Continue

Administration Considering A Proposal Calling For 33.5 Percent Increase Over Next 5 Years

BY CONOR REILLY

Scene Editor

On the heels of recent tuition hikes which raised college costs 12 percent over the past two years, Mary Washington College administrators are considering a proposal that will increase tuition 33.5 percent over four years. This will raise in-state tuition from \$2,344 to \$3,130 per semester and out-of-state tuition from \$6,218 to \$8,303 per semester.

The Board of Visitors is scheduled to vote on the proposal at the end of the 2003-2004 school year and if passed, the increases will begin in 2005.

The money will go toward hiring 10 new faculty members per year, 40 overall, to reduce the student-faculty ratio. Hiring these new faculty members will result in decreasing the student-faculty ratio from 18-to-1 to 15-to-1, which has been a goal of the college for several years, according to Rick Hurley, vice president and chief financial officer for the college.

Some students had adverse reactions to the possibility of this significant tuition increase.

"I understand that the tuition increases may cause a reduction in class size, which could result in better student-faculty interaction," said acting Student Government Association President Kristen Orsted.

"However, since the tuition has already gone up in the past few years, this one may cause students to be more vocal with their discontent toward the increases."

Other students said they worry about how the increases will affect them in the long run.

"I have a big problem with [tuition increases] because I'm an education major and I'm planning on being here for five years," freshman Jill Jensen said.

Jensen also questioned the need to use the money to hire more faculty.

"I don't think the ratio is that bad right now," she said.

Freshman John Triolo said he agreed.

"I haven't had a problem with class size, it's fine," he said. "Keep the tuition low."

Hurley said tuition hikes will probably be necessary due to Virginia's budget crisis.

"This is certainly a qualified and eligible program," he said. "It is a question of whether or not the state has any money to give."

BOV rector Dori Flegley said the college is trying to prepare for state budget cuts so the college does not rely on their funding.

"We want to be proactive," she said. "I think all the colleges are doing this."

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Many Factors Contribute To The Long Lines For Food

BY KRISTEN SKOVE

Staff Writer

Mary Washington College students are noticing long lines in Seacobeck dining hall and the Eagles Nest.

"Every night we debate whether or not to go to Seacobeck," said junior Mary Elizabeth Fulco. "It's just crazy," she said. "One girl waited 25 minutes for meatballs the other night!"

Senior Rachel Vaccaro, agreed.

"We dread going to dinner," she said.

Seacobeck General Manager Peter Labrecque cited several factors that are contributing to the long lines, such as problematic class schedules, an increase in the number of meal plans, a series of computer problems and a shortage of employees.

Patricia Moore, a Seacobeck cashier, said the biggest challenge Seacobeck is facing this year is more students—all of whom seem to be coming to dinner at the same time.

"Come as early as possible," she suggested for those who want to avoid the crowds. Moore also said students should have their cards in their hands when they get to the register so the line can keep moving.

Many students said they do not have the option of dining during off hours because of their schedules.

According to a luncheon peak flow chart created by Kostya Dunaev, associate director of dining services, an average of over 270 students swipe their cards at the dining hall on Mondays just between noon and 12:15 p.m. On Tuesdays during the same period of time, more than 250 students go to Seacobeck dining hall for lunch.

The dining hall's three student dining rooms seat 600 people combined, Dunaev said, and it



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Senior Sarah Gordon and other students wait in line at the Eagles Nest.

All Charges Are Dismissed

Judge drops charges of stalking, unlawful entry

By ANNE BRABAND

Staff Writer

Juror Orrin Reed Konheim is ready for his life to return to normal after he was cleared of three misdemeanor counts of unlawful entry and one misdemeanor count of stalking on Sept. 11 in Fredericksburg District Court.

The charges stemmed from a series of incidents on campus last year that resulted in Konheim's arrest during the second summer session of classes.

"The only evidence found is that Mr. Konheim is a peculiar character or annoying based on the context of these incidents," said Judge John R. Stevens. "All charges are dismissed."

Defense attorney Thomas Mann said he was pleased with the outcome of the trial. He emailed the following statement to The Bullet:

"Orrin Konheim pled not guilty because he was legally and factually innocent. He is happy and relieved that the court struck the government's evidence as insufficient in its entirety. This culminates a process whereby certain students, with the assistance of overzealous police officers and the tacit approval of the Mary Washington administration, sought to make Mr. Konheim a criminal over a petty dispute," it said.

"Mr. Konheim, while happy they have failed in their attempts, is considering his options against those who sought to ruin him. Mr. Konheim hopes that others like him, who might not be typical in

their personality, characteristics or idiosyncrasies, will be safe from Mary Washington authorities in the future, given the result in his case. Diversity and tolerance are, Mr. Konheim believes, a strength of Mary Washington, rather than a weakness requiring police and student targeting for elimination and removal."

Konheim, 20, of Arlington, was arrested on July 20 and charged with unlawful entry into the dorm rooms of senior Jennifer Farr and Erin Fish and junior Joshua McComas.

He was also charged with stalking junior Marie Zedula. His bond was set at \$6,000.

Prosecutor Lori McPherson called a number of witnesses to the stand including Farr, Fish and Zedula, as well as campus police officer Curtis Doss, former New Hall desk aide Daniel Buckley and junior Connor Hannigan, who has known Konheim since fifth grade.

Zedula testified that there were three incidents in which she felt that Konheim stalked her.

One incident involved Zedula using the bathroom in the New Hall lobby. She said that Konheim shortly thereafter walked into the bathroom and jiggled the door handle on the stall Zezula was using.

The second occurred when Konheim walked in McComas' room while he and McComas were there.

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Walk This Way

Pedestrian Safety Is A Concern After Student Was Hit

By ANDREW HALL

Assistant News Editor

The issue of pedestrian safety has become more pressing since a student was hit by a car while crossing William Street on Sept. 2.

A 20-year-old female student was struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross William Street from the MWC Apartments.

The driver, 64-year-old Arthur Tracy, of Fredericksburg, is an associate professor of History and American Studies at Mary Washington College and happened to be one of the victim's professors. The student was treated for minor injuries.

Residents of the MWC Apartments flood William Street while walking to and from the main campus.

Many students do not cross William Street at designated crosswalks and put themselves at great risk of being hit, causing some concern among students and administrators, said Christine Porter, director of Residence Life and Housing.

"Driving around here lately has been a harrowing experience," Porter said.

Chief of Campus Police J.C. Snipes said he encourages and was impressed by the number of students who use the crosswalk.

"It's very simple," Snipes said. "If [students] use the crosswalks at College Avenue and Sunken Road, their chances of being hit by a car are greatly reduced."

A pedestrian bridge over William Street was considered by college officials, but the idea was rejected because of budget concerns and building a bridge to accommodate handicapped students would be not feasible financially and architecturally, Snipes said.

Porter said she was skeptical that a pedestrian bridge would prevent people from unwisely crossing the street.

"If they put a bridge, would they use it? Probably not," she said.

Snipes said a tunnel under William Street was also considered, but ruled out due to security concerns and natural springs that run under William Street.

Fredericksburg City Police spokesman Jim Shello said the Fredericksburg Police Department would support a pedestrian bridge.

"If it were possible to have a pedestrian bridge, over or under, and it was feasible, certainly, we'd support it," said Shello.

Junior Anthony Stevenson, a MWC Apartments resident, said he was opposed to a pedestrian bridge because of the cost but said, ideally, one would exist.

"[The bridge] would be a wonderful luxury, but there are many things we need money for," he said. Senior Heather McDonald, also a MWC Apartments resident, said there is no need for a pedestrian bridge.

But, she said there needs to be a ban on making right turns when the light is red. She also said the right turns when the light is red.

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"One would assume that the college would not try to go out of its way to tick us off."

- Sarah McCarthy, pg. 11



Police Beat

BY ADINA YOUNG
Staff Writer



Sept. 11—At 7:20 p.m., a college van, driven by a student, struck a parked truck on College Avenue in front of Seacobeck Hall. The passenger side mirror of the van struck the driver's side mirror on the parked truck. Damage was estimated at \$35. No charges were filed.

Sept. 12—At 9:50 a.m., an 18-year-old male student reported his bicycle missing from the top stairs of Russell Hall. A red L.L. Bean book bag attached to the unlocked bicycle was also missing. The contents were valued at \$100. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 12—At 10:41 a.m., a fire alarm was activated in Chandler Hall. A fire was located in the wastebasket on the third floor women's bathroom. Faculty members extinguished the fire and the Fredericksburg Fire Department ventilated the smoke from the area. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 12—At 10:42 p.m., a female student from Russell Hall reported receiving an anonymous threatening phone call. When the call was traced, it was found to have originated from a male student in Westover Hall. The male explained that it was a joke, and referred campus police to the website that did not get the statement he said to her. The female student did not get fire charges.

Sept. 12—At 10:52 p.m., a fire alarm went off at the MWC Apartments building number 10. A female student placed a frozen pizza box on the stove and accidentally turned the wrong knob and lit the pizza box on fire. No serious damage was done and the smoke was cleared out.

Sept. 12—At 11:09 p.m., police were alerted of an intoxicated student in a Virginia Hall bathroom. A 17-year-old male resident of Russell Hall was passed out when police arrived. It was reported that the student knew that he had too much to drink, so he called people he knew from Virginia Hall for help. When his friends in Virginia Hall knew that it was too much for them to handle, they called Residence Life. He was then transported to Mary Washington Hospital and referred to the administration.

Sept. 13—At 12:30 a.m., an 18-year-old female resident of Mason Hall was discovered to be intoxicated. She was transported to the Mary Washington Hospital and referred to the

administration.

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Sept. 13—At 7:11 p.m., the fire alarm went off at the MWC Apartments. A female student was cooking and the smoke set off the fire alarm. No fire actually occurred but when the Fredericksburg Fire Department arrived they located the source and cleared away the smoke.

Sept. 14—At 6 a.m., it was reported that one of the blinds in the Woodward Campus Center post office was damaged. The blinds were torn off the wall and placed on the floor. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 15—At 9:50 a.m., John Sulder, 44, of Fredericksburg, was observing walking back and forth on campus walk. He had previously been barred from campus and was arrested for trespassing. He was released on a personal recognizance bond.

Sept. 15—At 12:02 p.m., a female student reported that a male attempted to look up her dress while she was shelving books in the library. The male at one point even laid on the floor to look up her skirt. The suspect left the library before the police arrived. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 15—At 3:26 p.m., a female student from Russell Hall reported receiving threatening emails. She did not want the incident to be investigated but wanted to make it aware to the campus police. She was advised to write the person sending her emails telling them to stop. If the emails continued, then the case will be investigated further.

Sept. 15—At 6:11 p.m., a 20-year-old male and 29-year-old male, both from Gaithersburg, Maryland, were reported soliciting in at the MWC Apartments. The two men were selling travel contest entry forms. Both were issued trespassing warnings and escorted off campus.

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MWC Student Exonerated

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The third incident occurred when Zezula and McComas were eating dinner at the Eagles Nest and Konheim spotted Zezula and laughed at her. Zezula said she felt "unsafe, abused and humiliated."

In response to Zezula's testimony, Mann said the incidents did not meet the legal standard for stalking.

"The incident when Konheim walked into the bathroom when Zezula was in there does not constitute stalking," he said. "There is no evidence of how that made her feel. Did she feel as if she was going to be raped, assaulted, or killed?"

Fish, who said Konheim unlawfully entered her dorm room, told the court she had been up late working on a paper when the incident occurred.

The lights in the room were off and her roommate, Farr, was already asleep.

Fish stated that Konheim entered in a "Kramer-like" way, in reference to the character on the television sitcom "Seinfeld."

He left immediately after being told to go away.

McComas was not asked to take the stand.

Officer Doss testified that he and Sgt. Bryan Musselman interviewed Konheim on July 19 regarding the incidents involving Zezula, Fish, Farr and McComas.

Doss said during questioning, Konheim was nervous and jittery, and asked if he could brush his teeth and wash his hands.

Doss said Konheim told campus police, "I have a problem walking into people's rooms without knocking."

Attorney Mann told the court Doss had said, approximately 25 minutes prior to the hearing, that Konheim was a "predator."

"You've spoken to members of the MWC administration and have referred to him as a predator. You don't want him on campus? I think that you're showing bias," Mann said.

"I don't want him on campus only because of the incidents he's been involved in," Doss said.

Mann argued that there was no evidence for the four charges.

"We haven't even heard from McComas, who's the owner of the property that Mr. Konheim barged in on," he said. "He was the victim; Zezula was just an occupant. Zezula never testified that her rights were infringed upon. Fish and Farr each have two separate charges for unlawful entry when in fact Ms. Farr slept through the entire incident."

Prosecutor Lori McPherson rebutted Mann's comments.

"He's saying that it's legal to walk into anyone's room at any time," she said. "From what Mr. Konheim told Officer Doss, it's shown that he has absolutely no respect for individuals and their privacy."

McPherson refused to comment after the judge stopped all charges in the case.

Flasher, Photographer Arrested

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Jones could not be reached for comment.

Jones' arrest also resulted from a staff member's report. On July 31, a staff member observed Bryant exposing himself on Hanover Street.

Bryant, a construction worker at the Alumni Center site, was sitting on a stone wall along Hanover Street at the Brompton property. According to Snipes, Bryant was wearing shorts and lifting up his shirt to expose himself.

When investigating Sgt. Joseph Samuels questioned Bryant, he said he had been running on the track during his break. Police arrested him on the basis of the staff member's original statement. Bryant admitted to the incident after his arrest. His employment at the Alumni Center was subsequently terminated.

During a recent phone interview, Bryant said the charge against him is bogus.

A self-described married church-going father of four, Bryant said he was changing his clothes in the back of his company truck after his daily run on the track on the day of his arrest. He said the back of the truck was closed and he had no intention of exposing himself.

"Somebody claims they saw me exposing myself in the back of my truck," Bryant said. "It was the strangest thing that ever happened to me. It's totally erroneous. I don't want to call anybody a liar, but what secondary knowledge I have of the staff member's

statement is grossly inaccurate. I did not do it. All I was doing was running."

According to Associate Professor of Psychology Debra Steckler, Bryant's case is unusual because typical exhibitors often target a specific individual, rather than an entire street.

"Usually exhibitors are trying to shock or frighten someone they've picked out," Steckler said. "What they're after is a reaction. If this guy was just flashing everybody, then he's not going to really be able to see people's reactions."

Snipes said the last incident of indecent exposure that he remembers at the college was two years ago.

"It involved a man parked in the George Washington area who would get women to come over to his van by asking them for directions and then expose himself to them," he said.

He also said incidents of trespassing occur very frequently at the college, though none are of the same nature as Jones'.

"There has not been anyone taking pictures in such a manner that would make us suspicious," he said.

He said most trespassers are solicitors without the required permits, or people hanging around at night who have no reason to be on the campus.

Snipes said the campus police issue about three trespassing warnings per month and that subsequent violations are very rare.

Jones was arraigned on Aug. 7 and adjudicated on Sept. 11. His hearing is set for Nov. 25. The date of Bryant's appeal hearing is not known.

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Mo' Money, Mo' Problems

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Daniel Hix, acting finance director for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, said the Commonwealth will not likely fund program enhancements, like the proposed student-faculty ratio reduction at Mary Washington College, in the next few years.

"The economy fell apart," Hix said. "One of the options that colleges have is to bite off as much of the shortfall from the State by raising tuition."

Some students said they value smaller class sizes and are willing to be billed the extra money for increased faculty attention.

"If the proposal does decrease the ratio, I'm all for it," sophomore Kevin Diana said. Diana also said the college might be able to find better uses for the money.

Even some out-of-state students said they are willing to shoulder the increases.

"Decreasing class size is a good idea," freshman Lindsay Litwin, an out-of-state student, said. "Some of my classes are really big and it's hard to get to know the professors in big classes."

Faculty members said they view this proposal as a sound one and believe it will make for better learning experience at the college.

"I think it's a good idea," Ernest Ackermann, professor of computer science and president of the faculty senate, said. "I can do more with students in smaller classes; students seem to learn better. I've seen it myself when I've had smaller class sizes."



Courtesy of College Relations
Rick Hurley.

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"Not a single institution on that list is above 15-to-1," he said. "This ratio is a nice benchmark to use."

In addition to statistics, Hall noted a practical benefit to hiring more professors.

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Whose Line Is It Anyway?

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takes 20 people to make a line look out of control.

"Not only are many students eating during peak times, but there are 300 more meal plans this year than there were last year," Labrecque said, "and now there's a whole new plan in the system, the 85-meal block plan."

When the new block plan for students in the MWC Apartments took effect, "some people didn't have Flex, some people didn't have meals and we don't control that," Dunay said. "We had to manually write down the student's name, card number, their meal plan and the error message that showed up on [the register]."

The 85-meal plan problem was tenfold when the Eagles Nest, Dunay said, because they had to write down all of that plus what the student bought.

Eventually, all the computers were shut down for half an hour so the necessary information could be reentered. Dunay said no cards could be swiped at all during that time.

Students on the new meal plan were not the only ones having problems with their EagleOne cards.

Senior Christina Chan said her card was still "retired" and that she had to wait for the card to be activated again, when they had to manually write down the student's name, card number, their meal plan and the error message that showed up on [the register]."

Chan said the next day, when she tried to eat at the Eagles Nest, her card was still "retired" and Chan couldn't eat. She said she ended up at the ID Center again, where they discovered that the number on Chan's account didn't match the number on her card.

"They took my card and changed the number," Chan said.

The Eagles Nest is experiencing other difficulties in addition to the system problems.

"At this point I have two functioning registers whereas I should have and have always in the past had four," said Director of the Eagles Nest Doug Pugh. "We're at 50 percent capacity to get people out of here. The lines back up into the front area and it just becomes a totally chaotic situation. The lines wrap around so much that people aren't even sure they're in a line."

Senior Kait Arrington agreed.

Unfortunately, managers said there isn't a whole lot that can be done until National Cash Register comes to fix the two broken registers.

"Everything is dictated by computer," Pugh said. "The meal plan, how much money [the students] have, what meal they're on...there's simply no way to keep track of that manually."

Pugh said he is also frustrated by the situation.

"I've been here 13, 14 hours a day trying to fix it and it's not better when I leave," he said.

However, he also said customers have made things a little easier on the staff.

"The students have been amazingly understanding," he said. "I've put up some signs to try to inform them of the situation."

Seacobeck dining hall is experiencing other problems, as well, dealing with being short-staffed both in the kitchen and in the dining rooms.

According to Dunay and Executive Chef Luis Herrera, the dining hall needs a baker, an action station cook, a salaried butler and serving line attendants.

Several of the open positions have been filled through word-of-mouth and ads in The Free Lance-Star. However, managers said, it still takes time to fully train the new employees and that training time means the delays in the dining hall will continue a little while longer.

"We're able to compensate by pulling workers from other positions," Dunay said, "but this helps to create delays when an attendant gets pulled away from his or her area of responsibility to cover another."

According to Herrera, empty hallways aren't due to a shortage of food, but to waste.

"We get \$7,000 to \$15,000 food deliveries every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 20 to 25 percent of it goes in the trash every day because students waste it," Herrera said.

Herrera said students can go through the lines as many times as they want, but the amount of food that's going in the trash at every meal means running out of prepared food much more quickly than necessary.

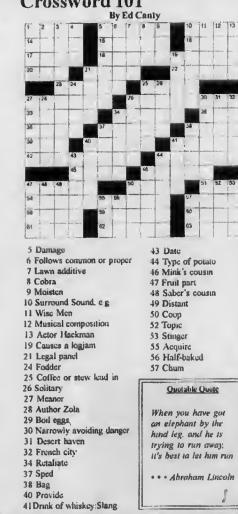
"Our job," Herrera said, "is to make sure you guys don't get hungry."

If students don't see anything they can eat, he said, they should just come into the kitchen and let someone know.

"It's everyone's kitchen," he said. "We're just here to get the job done. If no one tells us what they don't like or what they want to see, we think we're doing a good job."

Crossword 101

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Viewpoints

Editorial Condemning The Recording Industry

College students across the country have been dealing with a Reign of Terror. Recently, the Recording Industry Association of America has been enthusiastically suing left and right, merely for "file sharing." We've always taught that sharing is a good thing, that it's a peaceful and merciful act. The RIAA wants to put a stop to this, though.

They've even gone so far as to sue a 12-year-old girl that, between going to school and going to bed at 8:00 p.m., managed to become one of the major copyright violators in the country. The RIAA could get up to \$150,000 per song that this young Al Capone pirated. Perhaps a more apt punishment would be to take her Barbie away and sit her in the corner.

Many of the college students sued have settled for anywhere between \$12,000 and \$17,000, of which they probably don't have.

We at the *Bullet* feel that the RIAA has lost its proverbial mind. True, the CD industry revenue dropped marginally in 2003, to a pathetic \$4.25 billion. But CD single sales and revenue flew through the roof, increasing 175 percent.

But the RIAA would rather scour the seedy underbelly of middle school playgrounds and college campuses than investigate the reasons that so many people download music.

It is true, also, that file sharing is a polite way of saying file stealing. But for how long has the RIAA stolen from the lowly consumer. Too long! Why, the music industry has recently been caught price-fixing by the Federal Trade Commission. Between 1995 and 2000, the five largest music companies were accused of keeping their prices "artificially high." They agreed to pay \$67.4 million.

College students, pretends, and all Americans should not be afraid of sharing their files for the greater good. Keep KaZaA, keep WinMX, keep BearShare, and no longer shall we be scared of the looming industry that has become music.

Rock on!



Where's The Places You Go When You're Strange, No One Remembers Your Name

KATIE ROBBINS

Guest Columnist

After reading the article in the *Bullet* last week (Save The Name, Sept. 11), I was reminded of a story I read in the paper about the poor little town of Stanleyville. Stanleyville was an up-and-coming town located in southwestern Virginia. Although growing bigger every year, Stanleyville had a unique situation: too many men and not enough women.

For the most part this had not been too big of a problem for the people of Stanleyville, but after a while the town council saw it as more and more of a handicap. So, the town council, in its infinite wisdom decided to get together to discuss a way of increasing their female population. Over a wide, black table piled with petite white ceramic cups of stale coffee, they discussed possible ways of fixing their situation. Then, in a unique spatter of insight the mayor came to the mayor, astonishing him with its simplicity. Change the name.

The council gasped. Could it be that easy? That simple? Forget the fact that the town didn't have the facilities to accommodate or enrage a female population; facilities like a decent shopping mall, an organization for women's fellowship, or a bridge society. Why build those things when they could

change the name and watch the women just fight their way into town?

While most of the council was chattering over possible names, one member expressed his opposition. With great articulation and practical logic, he tried to point out that other towns in the area had the same problem and that a small female population was consistent with other towns their size. Even towns

named after women

faced the same

problem.

But the mayor didn't listen to the board members, nor later was he fazed by the boozing mob that jeered him when he announced to the entire town the new name. The council had played around with several names, seeing how they looked on the office

stationary. They even went so far as to poll the town for suggestions, a hollow gesture to please the masses. From the poll they found that most people, even the ones strongly opposed to any change, would compromise and support a change to something like Stanleyville, a name change that might attract women because it sounded more prestigious. However, the mayor cared little about what the people thought and doggedly chose a name that encapsulated both sexes.

A week later, a sign proudly bearing the name Stanleyville was replaced with one reading, "Now

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Life and cause him problems in the future. Since I do not know more about this incident than was reported in the *Bullet*, I do not know what actions were taken by the four complainants prior to Konheim's arrest. However, the situation could have been handled differently, and without police involvement.

I am certain that a simple, direct, and harsh warning from the students involved, even from one of their friends, could have prevented any involvement of the police. Even if this possibility was tried, the four students could have simply requested that campus police warn Konheim, rather than deciding to take the matter to court. These students may have been understandably irritated, but the reality of the situation and involvement.

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Konheim now has the stigma of having been arrested for one count of stalking and three counts of unlawful entry. Even if expunged from his record, this information could very well follow him for the rest of his life.

Andrew Stone is a sophomore.

Entering Stanleyville." In one momentary gesture, one town died and another, strange and unfamiliar one, rose up in its place.

The town was so upset that they stopped feeling any connection to the town. They were not born in Stanleyville; they were born in Stanleyville. They would not support Stanleyville, the name not found on their birth certificate. Furthermore, the town lost its tourist economy because no one wanted to come visit a town they had never heard of. They wanted Stanleyville.

The poor town of Stanleyville — oops, I mean Stanleyville — never recovered its loss of finances or its loss of town spirit. The mayor had isolated the town from its own people, still angry about the change, and had isolated the town from future residents, still unwilling to live in a town with no history or prestige. And so it sits today, a quiet ghost town and a sad testament to a quick-fix gone predictably wrong.

William Shakespeare may have been right about a great many things, but a college (oops again, I apologize for the Freudian slip), I mean, a town by any other name would not be as sweet.

Katie Robbins is a senior.

Bullet Letter and Editorial Policy

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Police Beat

BY ADINA YOUNG
Staff Writer



Sept. 11—At 7:20 p.m., a college van, driven by a student, struck a parked truck on College Avenue in front of Seacobeck Hall. The passenger side mirror of the van struck the driver's side mirror on the parked truck. Damage was estimated at \$35. No charges were filed.

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Sept. 12—At 10:52 p.m., a fire alarm went off at the MWC Apartments building number 10. A female student placed a frozen pizza box on the stove and accidentally turned the wrong knob and lit the pizza box on fire. No serious damage was done and the smoke was cleared out.

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Sept. 14—At 6 a.m., it was reported that one of the blinds in the Woodard Campus Center post office was damaged. The blinds were torn off the wall and placed on the floor. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 15—At 9:50 a.m., John Sulder, 44, of Fredericksburg, was walking back and forth on campus walk. He had previously been barred from campus and was arrested for trespassing. He was released on a personal recognition bond.

Sept. 15—At 12:02 p.m., a female student reported that a male attempted to look up her dress while she was shelving books in the library. The male at one point even laid on the floor to look up her skirt. The suspect left the library before the police arrived. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 15—At 3:26 p.m., a female student from Russell Hall reported receiving threatening emails. She did not want the incident to be investigated but wanted to make it aware to the campus police. She was advised to write the person sending her emails telling them to stop. If the emails continued, then the case will be investigated further.

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MWC Student Exonerated

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Doss said Konheim told campus police, "I have a problem walking into people's rooms without knocking."

Attorney Mann told the court Doss had said, approximately 25 minutes prior to the hearing, that Konheim was a "predator."

"You've spoken to members of the MWC administration and have referred to him as a predator. You don't want him on campus only because he's showing bias," Mann said.

"I don't want him on campus only because of the incidents he's been involved in," Doss said.

Mann argued that there was no evidence for the four charges.

"We haven't even heard from McComas, who's the owner of the property that Mr. Konheim barged in on," he said. "He was the victim; Zezula was just an occupant. Zezula never testified that her rights were infringed upon. Fish and Farr each have two separate charges for unlawful entry when in fact Ms. Farr slept through the entire incident."

Prosecutor Lori McPherson rebutted Mann's comments.

"He's saying that it's legal to walk into anyone's room at any time," she said. "From what Mr. Konheim told Officer Doss, it's shown that he has absolutely no respect for individuals and their privacy."

McPherson refused to comment after the judge dismissed all charges in the case.

Flasher, Photographer Arrested

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Jones could not be reached for comment.

Bryant's arrest also resulted from a staff member's report. On July 31, a staff member observed Bryant exposing himself on Hanover Street.

Bryant, a construction worker at the Alumni Center site, was sitting on a stone wall along Hanover Street at the Brompton property. According to Snipes, Bryant was wearing shorts and lifting up his shirt to expose himself.

When investigating Sgt. Joseph Samuels questioned Bryant, he said he had been running on the track during his break. Police arrested him on the basis of the staff member's original statement. Bryant admitted to the incident after his arrest. His employment at the Alumni Center was subsequently terminated.

During a recent phone interview, Bryant said he was charged against him is bogus.

A self-described married church-going father of four, Bryant said he was changing his clothes in the back of his company truck after his daily run on the track on the day of his arrest. He said the back of the truck was closed and he had no intention of exposing himself.

"Somebody claims they saw me exposing myself in the back of my truck," Bryant said. "It was the strangest thing that ever happened to me. It's totally erroneous. I don't want to call anybody a liar, but what secondary knowledge I have of the staff member's

statement is grossly inaccurate. I did not do it. All I was doing was running."

According to Associate Professor of Psychology Debra Steckler, Bryant's case is unusual because typical exhibitors often target a specific individual, rather than an entire street.

"Usually exhibitors are trying to shock or frighten someone they've picked out," Steckler said. "When they're after a reaction. If this guy was just flashing everybody, then he's not going to really be able to see people's reactions."

Snipes said the last incident of indecent exposure that he remembers at the college was two years ago.

"It involved a man parked in the George Washington lot who would get women to come over to his van by asking them for directions and then expose himself to them," he said.

He also said incidents of trespassing occur very frequently at the college, though none are of the same nature as Jones'.

"There has not been anyone taking pictures in such a manner that would make us suspicious," he said.

He said most trespassers are solicitors without the required permit, or people hanging around at night who have no reason to be on the campus.

Snipes said the campus police issue about three trespassing warnings per month and that subsequent violations are very rare.

Jones was arraigned on Aug. 7 and adjudicated on Sept. 11. His hearing is set for Nov. 25. The date of Bryant's appeal hearing is not known.

Mo' Money, Mo' Problems

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Daniel Hix, acting finance director for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, said the Commonwealth will not likely fund program enhancements, like the proposed student-faculty ratio reduction at Mary Washington College, in the next few years.

"The economy fell apart," Hix said. "One of the options that colleges have is to bite off as much of the shortfall [from the State] by raising tuition."

Some students said they value smaller class sizes and are willing to be billed the extra money for increased faculty attention.

"If the proposal does decrease the ratio, I'm all for it," sophomore Kevin Diana said. Diana also said the college might be able to find better uses for the money.

Even some out-of-state students said they are willing to shoulder the increases.

"[Decreasing class size] is a good idea," freshman Lindsay L'win, an out-of-state student, said. "Some of my classes are really big and it's hard to get to know the professors in big classes."

Faculty members said they view this proposal as a sound one and believe it will make for a better learning experience at the college.

"I think it's a good idea," Ernest Ackermann, professor of computer science and president of the faculty senate said. "I can do more with students in smaller classes; students seem to learn better. I've seen it myself when I've had smaller class sizes."



Courtesy of College Relations

Rick Hurley.

Hall said the administration compares Mary Washington College to a list of about 25 other colleges and universities, including Colgate University, Furman University and the College of the Holy Cross, for both faculty, student and administrative statistics. He said the administration found that these colleges have smaller class sizes on the whole.

"Not a single institution on that list is above 15-to-1," he said. "This ratio is a nice benchmark to use."

In addition to statistics, Hall noted a practical benefit to hiring more professors.

"The more faculty the college has, the more resources it has," he said.

Eglevsky said she agrees that hiring more faculty will have a positive effect on the college and that it will improve the quality of the education. She also said it will be better for the faculty, because they will have more resources.

Whose Line Is It Anyway?

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takes 20 people to make a line look out of control.

"Not only are many students eating during peak times, but there are 300 more meal plans this year than there were last year," Labrecque said, "and now there's a whole new plan in the system, the 85-meal block plan."

When the new block plan for students in the MWC Apartments took effect, "some people didn't have Flex, some people didn't have meals and we don't control that," Dunavay said. "We had to manually write down the student's name, card number, their meal plan and the error message that showed up on the register."

The 85-meal plan problem was tenfold at the Eagles Nest, Dunavay said, because they had to write down all of that plus what the student bought.

Eventually, all the computers were shut down for half an hour so the necessary information could be reentered. Dunavay said no cards could be swiped at all during that time.

Students on the new meal plan were not the only ones having problems with their EagleOne cards.

Senior Christina Chan said her card worked just fine when she came back to school early for resident assistant training, but once classes started her card stopped working.

"The first time it happened was at Seacobeck," Chan said. "My card showed up as 'retired' and they sent me to the Eagle One ID Center in Woodard and they looked me up and told me that in 15 minutes it would be working."

Chan said the next day, when she tried to eat at the Eagles Nest, her card was still "retired" and Chan couldn't eat. She said she ended up at the ID Center again, where they discovered that the number on Chan's account didn't match the number on her card.

"They took my card and changed the number and it's been fine ever since," Chan said.

The Eagles Nest is experiencing other difficulties in addition to the system problems.

"At this point I have two functioning registers whereas I should have and have always in the past had four," said Director of the Eagles Nest Doug Pugh. "We're at 50 percent capacity to get people out of here. The lines back up into the front area and it just becomes a totally chaotic situation. The lines wrap around so much that people aren't even sure they're in a line."

Senior Kait Arrington agreed.

Unfortunately, managers said there isn't a whole lot that can be done until National Cash Register comes to fix the broken registers.

"Everything is dictated by computer," Pugh said. "The meal plan, how much money [the students] have, what meal they're on...there's simply no way to keep track of that manually."

Pugh said he is also frustrated by the situation.

"I've been here 13, 14 hours a day trying to fix it and it's not better when I leave," he said.

However, he also said customers have made things a little easier on the staff.

"The students have been amazingly understanding," he said. "I've put up some signs to try to inform them of the situation."

Seacobeck dining hall is experiencing other problems, as well, dealing with being short-staffed both in the kitchen and in the dining rooms.

According to Dunavay and Executive Chef Luis Herrera, the dining hall needs a baker, action station cooks, a salad bar attendant and serving line attendants.

Several of the open positions have been filled through word-of-mouth and ads in The Free Lance-Star. However, managers said, it still takes time to fully train the new employees and that training time means the delays in the dining hall will continue a little while longer.

"We're able to compensate by pulling workers from other positions," Dunavay said, "but this helps to delay creation when an attendant gets pulled away from his or her area of responsibility to cover another."

According to Herrera, empty hotlines aren't due to a shortage of food, but to waste.

"We get \$7,000 to \$15,000 food deliveries every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and 20 to 25 percent of it goes in the trash every day because students waste it," Herrera said.

Herrera said students can go through the lines as many times as they want, but the amount of food that's going in the trash at every meal means running out of prepared food much more quickly than necessary.

"Our job," Herrera said, "is to make sure you guys don't get hungry."

If students don't see anything they can eat, he said, they should just come into the kitchen and let someone know.

"It's everyone's kitchen," he said. "We're just here to get the job done. If no one tells us what they don't like or what they want to see, we think we're doing a good job."

Crossword 101

By Ed Carty

Americanisms

1. Roots

5. Followers

10. La problem

14. Crazy bird

15. Badie

16. Nixon problem

17. Far Side's Larson

18. Start too soon

20. Hillbilly

21. Actress Lockhart

22. Get up

23. Not mine

25. Man for one

27. Use caution

29. Diplomatic etiquette

33. Friendship

34. Chum

35. Nonsexual

36. Disobey

37. Kid

38. Dollars

39. Fraternal member

40. Train

41. Famous jazz street

42. Loud

43. School break

45. Ignorance deletion

46. Pour

47. Scrub

50. Troops

51. Turn left

52. Dollars

53. Available to anyone

57. Legal

58. Shakespeare's king

59. U.S. emblem

60. St. george's

61. Sprinkled

62. Bedroll

63. Jump

64. French city

65. Rotolite

67. Spod

68. Big

70. Prowise

74. All without exception

75. Drunk of whisky

76. Lassie

77. Measles

78. Author Zola

79. Bull eggs

80. Narcotics avoiding danger

81. Desert plant

82. Fiddle

83. Big

84. Spod

85. Big

86. Cossy

87. Distant

88. Crop

89. Topic

90. Stinger

95. Acquire

96. Half-baked

97. Chase

98. Quirky Quoté

When you have got an elephant by the hind leg, and he is trying to run away, it's best to let him run.

• Abraham Lincoln

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Viewpoints

Editorial Condemning The Recording Industry

College students across the country have been dealing with a Reign of Terror. Recently, the Recording Industry Association of America has been enthusiastically suing left and right, merely for "file sharing." We've always taught that sharing is a good thing, that it's a peaceful and merciful act. The RIAA wants to put a stop to this, though.

They've even gone so far as to sue a 12-year-old girl that, between going to school and going to bed at 8:00 p.m., managed to become one of the major copyright violators in the country. The RIAA could get up to \$150,000 per song that this young Al Capone pirated. Perhaps a more apt punishment would be to take her Barbie away and sit her in the corner.

Many of the college students sued have settled for anywhere between \$12,000 and \$17,000, of which they probably don't have.

We at the *Bullet* feel that the RIAA has lost its proverbial mind. True, the CD industry revenue dropped marginally in 2003, to a pathetic \$4.25 billion. But CD single sales and revenue flew through the roof, increasing 175 percent.

But the RIAA would rather scour the seedy underbelly of middle school playgrounds and college campuses than investigate the reasons that so many people download music.

It is true, also, that file sharing is a polite way of saying file stealing. But for how long has the RIAA stolen from the lowly consumer. Too long! Why, the music industry has recently been caught price-fixing by the Federal Trade Commission. Between 1995 and 2000, the five largest music companies were accused of keeping their prices "artificially high." They agreed to pay \$67.4 million.

College students, preteens, and all Americans should not be afraid of sharing their files for the greater good. Keep KaZaA, keep WinMX, keep BearShare, and no longer shall we be scared of the looming industry that has become music.

Rock on!



Where's The Places You Go When You're Strange, No One Remembers Your Name

KATIE ROBBINS
Guest Columnist

After reading the article in the *Bullet* last week (Save The Name, Sept. 11), I was reminded of a story I read in the paper about the poor little town of Stanleyville. Stanleyville was an up-and-coming town located in southwestern Virginia.

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change the name and watch the women just fight their way into town?

While most of the council was chatting over possible names, one member expressed his opposition. With great articulation and practical logic, he tried to point out that other towns in the area had the same problem and that a small female population was consistent with other towns their size. Even towns named after women faced the same problem.

But the mayor didn't listen to the board members, nor later when he faded by the hoisting mob that jeered him when he announced to the entire town the new name. The council had played with several names, seeing how they looked with different names.

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From the poll they found that most people, even the ones strongly opposed to any change, would compromise and support a change to something like Stanleyopolis, a name change that might attract women because it sounded more prestigious. However, the mayor cared little about what the people thought and doggedly chose a name that encapsulated both sexes.

A week later, a sign proudly bearing the name Stanleyville was replaced with one reading, "Now

Entering StanleySueville." In one momentary gesture, one town died and another, strange and unfamiliar one, rose up in its place.

The town was so upset that they stopped feeling any connection to the town. They were not born in StanleySueville; they were born in Stanleyville. They would not support StanleySueville, the name not found on their birth certificate. Furthermore, the town lost its tourist economy because no one wanted to come visit a town they had never heard of. They wanted Stanleyville.

The poor town of Stanleyville — oops, I mean StanleySueville — never recovered its loss of finances or its loss of town spirit. The mayor had isolated the town from its own people, still angry about the change, and had isolated the town from future residents, still unwilling to live in a town with no history or prestige. And so it sits today, a quite ghost town and a sad testament to a quick-fix gone predictably wrong.

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life and cause him problems in the future. Since I do not know more about this incident than was reported in the *Bullet*, I do not know what actions were taken by the four complainants prior to Konheim's arrest. However, the situation could have been handled differently, and without police involvement.

I am certain that a simple, direct, and harsh warning from the students involved, or even from one of their friends, could have prevented any involvement of the police. Even if this possibility was tried, the four students could have simply requested that campus police warn Konheim, rather than deciding to take the matter to court. These students may have been understandably irritated, but the reality of the situation and

the many different options that existed for dealing with it should have been obvious to them. In the end, a fairly trivial matter was turned into a spectacle because of unreasonable, unnecessary fear, and a decent guy has had to suffer as a result.

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Features

"Freshman 15": Fact or Fiction?

The Skinny on First-Year Weight Gain

By KRISTEN SKOVE
Copy Editor

We hear about it from older siblings and friends before we even get to school—the dreaded "freshman 15." It is as much a part of college life as dorms and class.

"It's like some kind of boogey-man that's going to attack you when you get to college," freshman Will Collins said. "It's something that's passed down from generation to generation, almost like a rite of initiation."

According to a 2003 study conducted by Cornell University Professor David A. Levitsky, the "freshman 15" is not only real; it's a real problem.

Levitsky found that the average freshman gained about 0.3 pounds each week—almost 20 times more than the average weight gain of an American adult.

"American adults gain about [a quarter-inch] a week, a rate of increase that is considered an epidemic by many as it easily leads to obesity," Levitsky said.

The amount of extra calories a college freshman ingests each day can be as little as what is found in two apples or a plain bagel, but it all adds up.

"I thought it was a female thing," Collins said. "But when I got here, the Easy Mac goes, like, whoah! And we eat a ridiculous amount of pizza."

Collin's roommate, freshman Kevin Kendall, agreed.

"It kind of sneaks up on you," he said. "You

always eat what you want to eat instead of what's healthy."

Sophomore Bryce Davenport, however, said he doesn't believe he has been affected at all by the "freshman 15."

"I think I lost weight my freshman year," he said.

Davenport saw the most weight gain his freshman year in the heavy drinkers in his building.

"There are so many calories in alcohol," he said. "[People] drink themselves unconscious, and then they're so hung-over the next day that they can't work it off."

Collins and Kendall are aware that drinking too much is a major factor when it comes to gaining weight in college, but they pointed out that most college students already know that alcoholic beverages contain a lot of calories.

"A lot of girls on my hall won't drink beer because it's too fattening," freshman Ellie Kaknes said. "Girls in Virginia Hall are obsessed with the freshman 15."

Ellie Kaknes

On the other hand, Kendall said beer may not be as big a factor in the freshman 15 as soda. A 12-ounce can of soda contains almost 10 teaspoons of sugar, and increased sugar consumption is a leading cause of obesity in Americans.

"The amount of walking you do to find a party around here cancels out the alcohol," Collins said. "It's like a mathematical equation."

Registered Nurse Nancy Yates, associate director of the Mary Washington College Health Center, cited several factors that contribute to weight gain in college students.

"You see it because people eat for a lot of reasons; emotional is one," she said. "They eat more comfort foods, more starches,

and more sugar and fats. You're away from home, you're eating lots of things you're not used to."

Senior Linda Zotter said she lost a lot of weight her freshman year, and then gained it back after that.

Zotter, as Yates suggested, the stress of schoolwork made her turn to foods that were higher in fats and sugars.

"I'm starting not to bring food by my desk," Zotter said.

"That's when I eat the most."

She noted a lot of students eat at their desks without realizing how much they're actually consuming.

"Making time for exercise relieves stress at the same time that it burns calories," Zotter said.

Dave Fitzpatrick, another senior, offered similar advice. "Stay away from the beer and stay active," he said. "That's basically it. Just eat healthy."

Carrie Ingalls is a freshman who is following the suggestions that Zotter and Fitzpatrick offer.

"So far, that goodness, I have no experience with the freshman 15," Ingalls said.

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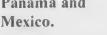
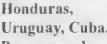
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Enrique Cancel, a freshman who lives in Mercer Hall. "People around here eat fat-free popcorn. Is that really necessary? And Seabobek is like a natural diuretic."

Freshman Brean Dyer agreed.

"I never weigh myself," she said.

And while some people claim to have gained weight, Dyer doesn't see it.

"Everyone's talking about how America has an obesity problem, but I don't see much evidence of that here," she said. "It wouldn't hurt some people around here to gain some weight."



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These scales jump from 100.0 to 115.6 pounds, a typical weight gain for many students after starting freshman year.

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Features

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"It's like some kind of hokey-pokey that's going to attack you when you get to college," freshman Will Collins said. "It's something that's passed down from generation to generation, almost like a rite of initiation."

According to a 2003 study conducted by Cornell University Professor David A. Levitsky, the "freshman 15" is not only real; it's a real problem.

Levitsky found that the average freshman gained about 0.3 pounds each week—almost 20 times more than the average weight gain of an American adult.

"American adults gain about [a quarter-ounce] a week, a rate of increase that is considered an epidemic by many as it easily leads to obesity," Levitsky said.

The amount of extra calories a college freshman ingests each day is as little as what is found in two apples or a plain bagel, but it all adds up.

"I thought it was a female thing," Collins said. "But when I got here, the Fasty Mac goes, like, whoa! And we eat a ridiculous amount of pizza."

Collin's roommate, freshman Kevin Kendall, agreed.

"It kind of sneaks up on you," he said. "You

always eat what you want to eat instead of what's healthy."

Sophomore Bryce Davenport, however, said he doesn't believe he has been affected at all by the "freshman 15."

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Davenport saw the most weight gain his freshman year in the heavy drinkers in his building.

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Collin and Kendall are aware that drinking too much is a major factor when it comes to gaining weight in college, but they pointed out that most college students already know that alcoholic beverages contain a lot of calories.

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factor in the freshman 15 as soda. A 12-ounce can of soda contains almost 10 teaspoons of sugar, and increased sugar consumption is a leading cause of obesity in America.

"The amount of walking you do to find a party around here cancels out the alcohol," Collins said. "It's like a mathematical equation."

Registered Nurse Nancy Yates, associate director of the Mary Washington College Health Center, cited several factors that contribute to weight gain in college students.

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Senior Linda Zotter said she lost a lot of weight her freshman year, and then gained it back after that.

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She noted a lot of students eat at their desks without realizing how much they're actually consuming.

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So far this season, Hargrove has started as center midfielder in all five of the team's competitions, walking away with many accomplishments. His greatest achievement in the record book thus far, is a pair of goals.

He has scored two goals, both

of which are game winning, placing him in first in this category for the team. Bryan's other accomplishments include the fact that he is currently ranked second for the teams statistical points and is tied for second in goals.

Despite his accomplishments, Bryan is very modest and humble.

"I didn't expect it at all to come in freshman year and have immediate success," Hargrove said. "I attribute more to my teammates, I was in the right place at the right time, they did all the work."

Bryan has a challenging position playing center midfielder. The midfielder position delegates both offensive and defensive responsibilities. Midfielders obtain the ball in the middle of the field, to enable the attack to further advance the ball, and hopefully placing it in a well-positioned spot to score.

Bryan has spent a great deal of time this season working with the other midfielders, seniors Steve Ramos, Roberto Morales and freshman Tommy Park.

According to teammate Steve Ramos, having young guys out there has been a big help this year.

"We're getting used to each other and we're getting better and playing more together everyday he's a great defensive player," Ramos said. "It's nice to have a freshman step up and contribute right away. He has good feet so we can often work

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Senior left midfield Roberto Morales also had many good things to say about Hargrove.

"He finds a way to put the ball in the net. He plays defensive center mid really well and wins lots of balls," Morales said.

On the other side of Hargrove is right midfielder and fellow freshman, Tommy Park. He felt that the idea of playing with another freshman was very comfortable.

"Bryan works really hard in practice and has a great attitude," Park said. "His strengths are definitely in the air and also he is good at positional defense."

Head Coach Roy Gordon has been happy with the successes of the young squad.

"Bryan shows that he is thrilled to be playing and having the opportunity," Gordon said. "He's filling a good role and has done all I can ask for."

Soccer was a major factor in Bryan's decision to attend Mary Washington College however, the academic record also played an important part in his decision.

Bryan is debating between a political science or international affairs major.

After school he would like to go to graduate school and have an assistant coaching job at the school he is attending. In the end, he would like to coach for

the rest of his life at the highest level possible.

He has coached his little brothers winter league team with his father.

According to Hargrove, he attributes his all of his success to his father.

"He pushed me the most, my dad definitely, sorta forced me to do it, which I'm glad," Hargrove said.

Bryan is from Clark Summit Penn, where he attended Abington Heights High School.

There he led his team as captain and in the category of points scored. Hargrove knew that he wanted to play college ball because during his senior year of high school his team lost the district semi final, an upset game.

"That was the clear-cut point where I realized I couldn't stop and wanted to keep going and keep playing soccer," Hargrove said.

Hargrove added, "I'd just like to keep contributing to the team and help us to get into the NCAA tournament."

This week the team is ranked 20th with a 4-1 record with their only loss against National Champions, Messiah College.

Due to Hurricane Isabel, MWC's matchup against Virginia Wesleyan College scheduled for Wednesday has been cancelled.

Two MWC Teams Nationally Ranked

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Field Hockey, Men's Soccer Ranked In Top 20 This Week

The Mary Washington College Field Hockey team (4-1) dropped two spots this week to #11 in the nation this week in the National Field Hockey Coaches' Association poll.

Meanwhile, men's soccer moved up in moved ahead one spot to #20 in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's weekly poll. The Eagles (4-1) defeated NC Wesleyan last week and dropped a 2-0 decision to defending national champs Messiah College this past weekend.

Field Hockey Shuts Out Seahawks, 4-0

Senior Lindsey Startt scored two goals to lead the Eagles, while Chrissy Soper scored a goal and added an assist.

Adrienne Trombley also tallied two assists to raise her team-leading assist total. Meghan McMahon also scored for MWC.

The Eagles will visit host Franklin & Lindsey Startt.



Upcoming Events

Due to Hurricane Isabel, weekend events may be cancelled. Please check the MWC Athletic Home page for updates.

Complete schedules may be found at:

www.mwc.edu/hepe

Marshall College this Sunday at 2 p.m.

Hurricane Isabel Forces Cancellations

The Mary Washington College men's soccer team has had its Wednesday game against Virginia Wesleyan College postponed, due to the visiting school's closure in anticipation of the potential storms caused by Hurricane Isabel. No makeup has yet been set.

Thursday's field hockey game at Gettysburg and Women's Tennis' match at Catholic University have also been scratched, with no makeup set.

Cross Country Opens Season On Positive Note

The Mary Washington College cross country teams kicked off the 2003 season at the Lebanon Valley College Invitational, with the men placing third and the women finishing sixth without three of its top runners.

The men finished third with 104 points. The Eagles' top five consisted of Matt Kirk in eighth place at 27:06, Jake Rod in 20th place at 27:33, Jason Call in 22nd place at 27:37, Craig Condon in 23rd place at 27:39, and Richard Bates in 31st place at 27:52.

The women were without three of their top five with injuries, including Erin Connolly, but saw Whitney Gray place 17th at 21:08, Lilly Becker place 22nd at 21:16, Joanna Long take 27th place at 21:30, Liz Gerber finish 37th at 21:45, and Laura Aller place 51st at 22:11.

The Eagles will be back in action next Saturday at the New York University Invitational.

MWC Splits Pair at MWC Classic



Betsy Pitti fires a shot.

Photo courtesy of Clint Othen

BY JESSICA GOON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Mary Washington College women's soccer team defeated SUNY Cortland 4-1 on Saturday before suffering a disappointing 1-0 loss to Gettysburg College on Sunday in the MWC soccer classic.

The Eagles played sharp on Saturday despite the soggy Battleground fields, but appeared to be a completely different team when they played on Sunday.

The Eagles offense against SUNY Cortland began just 40 seconds into the contest when senior Elise Fasick scored on a free kick that sailed over the Cortland goalkeeper's hands just under the crossbar.

Fasick currently leads Mary Washington with two goals for the season. MWC scored again 16 minutes later on a Kathryn Amirpashae goal, assisted by Joanne Walker, to put the Eagles up 2-0 at the half.

"We played with a lot of emotional energy on Saturday," Mary Washington coach Kurt Glaeser said.

Mary Washington continued to string passes together in the second half and Joanne Walker connected for the Eagles' third goal on a pass from junior Betsy Pitti.

Cortland would get their only score 77 minutes into the contest with a goal from Andrea Manno, but the Eagles answered back with an unassisted goal from Amy Kingsbury to end the game.

"We came to play on Saturday and really moved off the ball well," Glaeser said.

Less than 24 hours later it looked like a completely different team showed up on the field for Mary Washington as they

faced Gettysburg.

"We didn't come out with the same amount of intensity," senior captain and All American defender Kathy Wainwright said. "Everyone seemed a little tired."

Gettysburg College was coming off of a 3-1 loss from Saturday against Christopher Newport University.

The ball was in the midfield the majority of the game and neither team had a shot on goal in the first ten minutes of play. Despite several obvious handballs and the aggressive play from both teams, only two fouls were called in the entire first half, and fans and players were getting frustrated with the officials.

Gettysburg scored the only goal of the game 34 minutes into play on an outside shot from junior Liz Feldhusen, her second goal for the season.

The Eagles had trouble possessing the ball and passing around the Gettysburg defenders and were out shot 13-6 by the Bullets. Gettysburg goalkeeper Katie Simmons only had to make one save against the Eagles.

Mary Washington also lost to Gettysburg last season by one goal.

"We need to work on creating more offense," Wainwright said. "We are working on getting more shots on goal off."

Coach Glaeser plans to work on the team's mental consistency coming into future games.

"We can't seem to play well in back to back games," Glaeser said.

Wainwright had to leave the game early in the second half because of a pulled quad muscle and will also have to sit out of practice for a few days.

She hopes to be ready to play again this weekend.

www.thebulletonline.com

SUMMER SCHOOL 2004 "EUROPEAN CAPITALS"

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For the twelfth time, the Departments of History/American Studies and Political Science/International Affairs are sponsoring a six-credit course that will take students to Europe for twenty-six days during the first term of summer school in 2004. Students can experience the Europe of yesterday, today, and tomorrow by visiting London, Paris, Vienna, Venice and Rome. The six credits for the course can be used as part of the major programs in History, Political Science, or International Affairs or as elective credit for students not in those majors.

THE TRIP - Leaving from Dulles International Airport in Washington during the second week of May, the group will fly to London for a six-day stay, and then travel to the continent to spend five days in Paris, three days in Vienna, three days in Venice, and five days in Rome. There will be four days for travel between London and Paris (by train via the Channel under the English Channel), Paris and Vienna (by train through the Alps), Vienna and Venice (by bus also through the Alps) and Venice and Rome (also by bus). The group will return to Washington from Berlin on June 4.

THE COURSE - This is a unique course for Mary Washington College students. It does not duplicate what is already offered on the College campus but relies instead on material and experiences "on site." Interdisciplinary in nature and team-taught, this course by taking advantage of the unique cultural and academic resources that exist in the five capital cities, provides students with unmatched opportunities for study and learning. Students will be asked to read from texts that contain materials pertinent to the intellectual, cultural, economic, and political contributions the five capital cities have made to European history. Students will also have the opportunity to attend an artistic performance in several of the cities and assess the artistic contributions of the societies with visits to major museums.

THE FACULTY - An interdisciplinary faculty will teach the course. Professor Porter Blakemore from History and Professor John Kramer from Political Science and International Affairs will accompany the students from city to city.

ELIGIBILITY - "European Capitals" is open to all Mary Washington College students interested in the history, culture and politics of Europe. Yet, there are a limited number of places available for this course and spots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

COSTS - Excluding the tuition for a six-credit course, the cost per student will be \$4,295. This fee includes all costs for airfare, lodging and breakfasts, one-day excursions, and most costs for intra city transportation and admission to museums and cultural sites.

QUESTIONS? - For further details, attend the Study Abroad Fair September 19 in the Great Hall or our information meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Monroe 202 on Wednesday, October 1. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mr. Blakemore or Mr. Kramer (at extensions 1588 or 1495 respectively). The deadline for participation is October 15.

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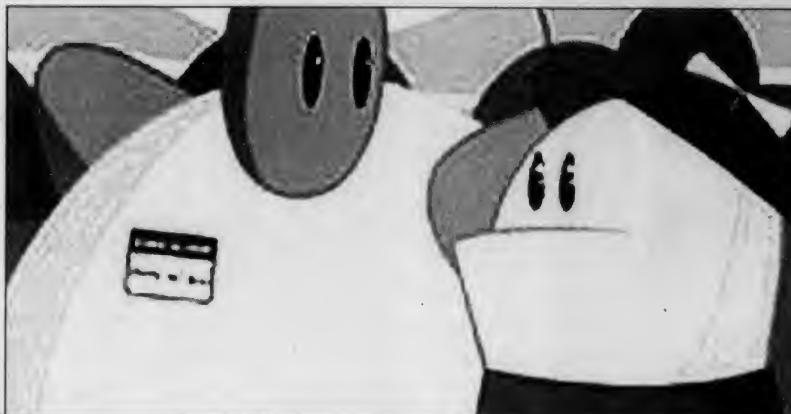
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Scene



Pom Pom and Homestar Runner engaged in philosophical discourse.

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Homestar Highjinks

Hilarious Cartoon Website Provides Hours Of Entertainment

By LESLEY JOHNSON
Assistant Scene Editor

Students looking for a way to procrastinate should go to the website of homestarrunner.com and the problem will be solved.

With the Strong Bad emails, interactive games, and the random skits located on the webpage, a person could spend hours touring the website.

homestarrunner.com is a website that does not advertise, but has become popular solely through word of mouth.

"I like [homestarrunner.com] because it's extremely random with a strange variety of characters and Strong Bad is totally 'awesome,'" junior Erin O'Brien said.

There are eleven characters that make up the site, responses to emails, games, and merchandise that are found on the website. The characters

One of the main characters is Strong Bad and he has his own sub-page devoted to answering viewers' emails.

"What can I say about the genius that is strong bad?" Senior Timothy Spurr said. "The only real reason to visit homestarrunner.com is to see Strong Bad, and The Cheat; he's pretty cool, especially when he gets drunk off of soy sauce. You also want to visit the Teen Girl Squad, which are cartoons written by Strong Bad, and anything created by Strong Bad is totally awesome! I found out about this site about nine months ago and visit it every Monday to watch the new Strong Bad email and the hilarity that ensues."

There are a total of 84 Strong Bad emails with a new one coming out every Monday.

"Strong Bad's weekly Monday morning emails always start my week off on the right foot," junior Bentley Ezell said. "The best one hands down is either CGNU or Japanese Cartoons."

In addition to Strong Bad's emails, there are 10 animated games that a person play.

These games include: Dancin' Bubs, Homestar Taller, Auditor With Marzipan, Bronco Trolleys, Strong Lips, Bronco Quiz, Hairstyle Runner, Awesomeness Cross, Population: Tire, and Trogdor.

Sophomore Ryan Little likes to go to the site to play the game Trogdor.

"I like homestarrunner.com because I like to see how long I can go without getting arrowed," Little said.

Each game starts off with a synopsis of how to play the game. For the game Trogdor, the dragon, Trogdor, must stomp on 10 peasants while trying to dodge swords and flying arrows.

"The graphics are great and the voices of the characters are enough to make me laugh!" freshman

Clare Sanchez said.

The popularity of the website has found its way onto the fifth floor of Randolph Hall.

Junior Matthew Reed, a resident advisor, chose to make his door decorations from the characters of homestarrunner.com. When asked why he chose to do so, he pointed to his girlfriend, junior Stephanie Genimatas.

"I suggested that Matthew do his door decorations of Homestar Runner characters for a couple of reasons: first, I love Strong Bad and his wicked funny emails and second, everyone should love Homestar, so we are all passing on the love!" said Genimatas.

Not only does the website have interactive games and Strong Bad emails, but there is also a page devoted to "toons" and other random skits.

"I love Marzipan's answering machine," Junior Beth Wingard said. "Especially when Homestar calls

and is talking smack about her and says, 'Umm...disregard this, this is not your boyfriend! I sense a little trouble in paradise.'"

Dedicated fans

can buy merchandise with their favorite characters on the items, which range from, miniature figurines of the characters, messenger bags, bumper stickers, static cling, for car windows, to hats and a variety of 15 shirts.

The prices for the merchandise are not listed, except for the shirts, which range from \$15 to \$7. They accept both checks and credit cards.

"homestarrunner.com is the awesomest cartoon on the web and you have to give it a chance!" freshman Cindy Abemathy said.



Photo Courtesy homestarrunner.com

Homestar Runner

each have

his or her own

autobiography

and include: Homestar Runner, Coach Z, The Cheat, Strong Bad, Marzipan, Pom Pom, Strong Sad, Bubs, Strong Mad, The Poopsmith, and The King of Town.

With picnic tables, tennis courts, basketball courts, a playground and soccer field, one has a variety of activities to choose from, if making an afternoon of the area. Mary Washington's Meditation Rock stands on a hill overlooking the park and adds significant character to the wooded area.

Another close picnic spot is Alum Springs Park located behind the Greenbrier Apartments on Greenbrier Drive. Here you'll find great

picnicking areas amidst the natural environment. There are also hiking trails that lead around the scenic view. Even during the colder months, this is a great place to go walking through the snow. Whether to help clear your mind, or set a romantic mood, the atmosphere provides serenity for all. Be aware there is a two dollar parking fee for non-residents.

Looking to get a little further from campus? Falmouth Waterfront Park is off of River Road. With a beautiful view of the calm river, encompassed by trees and an open grass area, it's a lovely place to go and relax. Sunsets are gorgeous here as the light reflects upon the water. There are no charges for parking if you have a Fredericksburg or Stafford decal. If planning a trip, remember to bring something to sit on as there are no benches.

If you still want to get further away, Lake Anna State Park is 25 miles southwest of Fredericksburg. It lies next to Route 601 off Route 208. There are 8.12 miles of shoreline and plenty of activities to make a day out of it. Fishing, picnic areas, nature walks, swimming, and the beach all are

The Best Picnic Spots in F'burg

By JESSICA ULMER
Staff Writer

Fall is just around the corner and the beautiful foliage in Frederickburg invites students to enjoy the outdoors by having a picnic.

Whether with a special someone, or a group of friends, it gives one a change of pace and relaxing atmosphere. The area is full of scenic picnic sites and many of them are within walking distance of campus.

Hurkamp Park, which is located on the corner of William St. and Prince Edward St., is particularly picturesque. A small fountain covered with ivy and clematis, sprouts in the center and is surrounded by shadowing trees with several benches nearby. Like music while you picnic? A new feature begins on Tuesdays, from 11:30-1:30 in the afternoon. Buy or bring lunch while enjoying free music.

The park has a historical ambiance in the middle of Old Town Fredericksburg. It was once a church cemetery, and then a local burying ground, but in 1881 was dedicated and named after John G. Hurkamp.

Another favorite location among students is Kenmore Park which is on Kenmore Avenue.

"It's a chill place, 'cause you can act like a kid and play on the playground!" Junior Melissa Ng said.



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Legendary blues musician Skip James strumming his six string.



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1. Once Upon A Time In Mexico

2. Matchstick Men

3. Cabin Fever

A couple enjoying the day at Hurkamp Park.
Diane Hernandez / Bullet

available there.

There are fees, \$2.50 charge for parking and a \$2.00 fee for swimming.

If you want to find out more, call (540) 854-5503.

Fredericksburg is full of top-notch picnic areas, so get out there and experience them! So put on some comfortable clothes, head out to enjoy the scenery, and don't forget to make a picnic basket!

Who Is The Coolest Person On Campus?

Photos and interviews by Peter Kelley



"Todd Bennett...For President."



"Daniel Knorr, because he's my pimp."

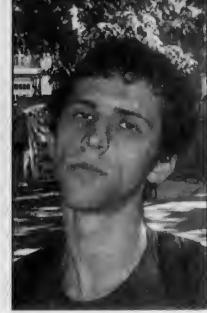


"Pat the Card Swiper because she treats me right."



- Jody Greene, Senior

"Cedric Rucker, the outfit's dude."



"Me. I mean if you're asking me the question, that's the answer."

- Daniel Knorr, Junior

- Lydia Frost, Junior

- Meredith Munoz, Junior

- Adam Tash, Senior

New PBS Series Highlights Blues Music

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education levels up to par with the surrounding areas. One of the act's results is that music is beginning to lose value in the classroom.

Tara FitzPatrick, a sales-associate for The Blue Dog, a local record store, and an instructional assistant of Walker-Grant said she was upset that music may no longer be in the classroom because children and music are both main parts of our future.

Senior Tara Holstrom, a member of McLaws Drive and the school jazz band also said kids should be more exposed to music in the classroom. Holstrom was also aware and disappointed about how music has

been devalued in school.

"It would be cool if the school can show it some way," he said. "Maybe they could offer showing the [Scorsese series] once a week. If people miss it, they get another chance to see it."

He also said it was a good idea for the series to "push to incorporate it into an educational resource."

The Scorsese series offers lesson plans, video clips, etc. to help extend and preserve musical understanding throughout schools country-wide.

Professors at Mary Washington College agree with the goals of the Scorsese Series.

"Music is fundamental to our education," Kevin Bartram, assistant professor of music, said. "It should

be a regular form and not an added form in the curriculum. Blues cannot be overestimated in its importance. As a performer and a composer, the blues highly contributed to who we've become as a country. All origins are in blues singing."

He explained how rock and roll is based upon blues progression. He said that there would be no Elvis without the blues; without Elvis the Beatles would not have existed. "Without these important people, most modern music would not be where it is now."

David Long, professor of music, expressed his opinion, saying that he would highly recommend acquiring awareness of the formal structure. He said, "Listeners can then be much more involved in what

they are hearing and how they are hearing it," he said. He believes that this music "provides a stable and relatively uncomplicated and accessible backdrop for people of varying abilities to find avenues for personal expression. This makes it valuable to anyone, from amateur to professional."

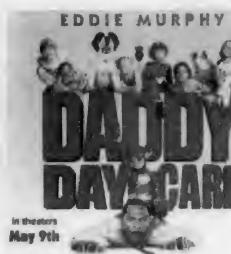
The blues is more than just music. There is a whole history behind the birth of this kind of music. We should learn to appreciate not only the blues' easy listening tunes but the foundation of what made it what it is, its contribution to the history of our American culture, and its influence on all genres of music today.

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Guilty Scare, Cheap Thrills

Dear Editor:

Like many of you, I got wrapped up in my favorite television series this summer. For several minutes, the problems of my favorite characters as they tried desperately to save humanity from this, that, or the other thing would have me entranced. Then the show would break for the commercial, and I, too, would have cause to worry about humanity.

I'm not talking about alien invaders or the newest virus or any threat to the human body. I'm talking about the less tangible and yet somehow more real thing we call humanity. You see, my favorite show happens to be on the Science Fiction channel, which, in my opinion, has hit a new low in reality television.

Usually, the commercial starts out with confused images and blood-curdling screams. At some point Shannen Doherty smirks at the screen, flips her hair,

and warns us, "Laugh it up. You could be next." I think "If I'm next, I'm sick". Somebody already has.

The show is called "Scare Tactics," and it's all about "friends" and the crew from the show having the time of their lives terrorizing specially chosen people. Apparently, right after the person has been frightened half to death, they show a permission form in the victim's face and ask the person to sign. It's been called "ambush TV." I call it "sick."

They proudly quote reviews that say things like "I laughed so hard I'm ashamed of myself" and "Scare Tactics" is a guilty pleasure." We have the ability to feel shame for a reason. Perhaps, if it is a guilty pleasure, it is not one of which we should

partake.

I'm at a bit of a loss to understand those reviewers. What I understand is that the entire premise of the show is based on humiliating people. I guess it comes down to this, why should I listen to Shannen Doherty over my own conscience?

Megan B. Gallagher is a Junior

"We have the ability to feel shame for a reason. Perhaps, if it's a guilty pleasure, it is one in which we should not partake."



Towed Away, Ticked Off

Dear Editor:

I have a serious concern about the parking at MWC. On Saturday morning, my brother and I went out to my car that was not there. We walked over to the campus police station, where I was told that my car had been towed. I was really surprised and ticked off. I went to see exactly why this had happened, because I had no idea.

It turned out that the parking lot behind Monroe Hall had one tiny sign on the back entrance that said "Reserved: Alumni Leadership Conference". I had not even seen it on my way into the lot at 10:30 p.m. the previous night, since the one small sign was written in such tiny letters.

Where I parked along the back row (where it said Staff Parking Mon-Fri 9-5), there was no sign indicating that the row was reserved. There was no mass e-mail to say that the lot

would be closed. I received no phone call to move my car. The signs were not clear about the closed lot. One would assume that the college would not try to go out of its way to tick us off, but it seems like they did in this case.

When I went to the campus police, they gave me a flier to Shanks Towing. I was told to call them, find my own ride, and, basically, that this was not their problem. Luckily, my friend was available to drive me over there, where about 20 cars, including my own had been towed. My bill totaled \$65: \$15 for the ticket itself and \$50 for the towing job. This totaled more than I could make in an 8 hour work day this summer.

Why couldn't the signs have been clearer? Why didn't they call me? Why not send out a mass e-mail saying the lots would be closed? I am paying my own way to college. Sixty five dollars and a big hassle makes me, along with the many other people who were towed, very angry.

Sarah McCarthy is a senior.

The Weekly Wassup

What to do...Where to go?!

September 18 - September 24

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Hispanic Heritage Celebration 4-7pm Campus walk in front of Lee Hall	Cheap Seats Cinema Daddy Day Care @7pm Dodd Auditorium -\$1 fee	Cheap Seats Cinema Daddy Day Care @2pm Dodd Auditorium -\$1 fee	GRE Bootcamp Session 4pm Chandler 201 -\$1 Admission fee	5 Alive Sponsored by Baptist Student Union 5pm Baptist Student Center Free food and fellowship	
	Cheap Seats Cinema Daddy Day Care @9pm Dodd Auditorium -\$1 fee				Hispanic Heritage Keynote speaker Marie Arana 7pm Lee Hall Ballroom Book signing following	
	Study Abroad Fair 1-4pm Great Hall					



Why Did The MWC Student Cross The Road?

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"Walk" light is too short and students get caught halfway across the street when the "Don't Walk" sign appears.

Campus police recently completed an unscientific study to determine if it is necessary to place a police officer on the intersection to enforce crosswalk usage, Snipes said.

It will be used to determine peak hours of usage, where people cross the street the most and whether they climb over the gate behind South Hall.

"We have people who would rather cross in the middle of the street and scale a fence than walk around the block," Porter said.

The study should be complete by the end of this week, Snipes said.

Snipes said stationing a police officer would be a substantial expense, so they want to see if it would be a necessary action.

Shelhorse said the Fredericksburg police have received no complaints about students crossing the street at that particular intersection. He advocated that the college do what is necessary to keep its students safe.

"When it comes to student safety, you know students are their lifeblood; without students they don't have a college," he said. "And they are going to recruit them and have them come here, they certainly need to make it as safe as possible."

Shelhorse said he found it hard to believe a pedestrian bridge was too expensive for the college.

"Based on the construction that I've seen all my life up there, I find it hard to believe that money would be a problem for the college," Shelhorse said. "They seem to pretty well be able to buy and build whatever they want."

Shelhorse suggested that the college pass out safety information to not only the students in the MWC Apartments, but also any student walking to the Battlefield Athletic Complex.

Porter said she has told her MWC Apartments staff to "spread the word" to their residents about using the crosswalks and crossing the street safely. She concedes that college students are adults and there is only so much preaching one can do.

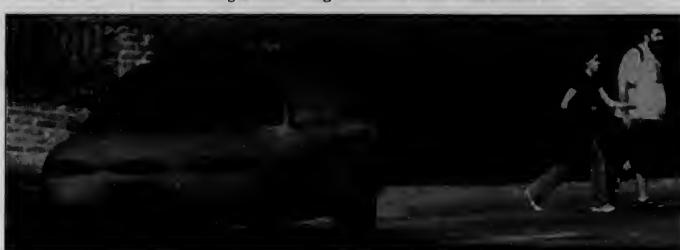
McDonald said the pedestrian situation does not spoil life at the Apartments.

"I don't think it hinders living over here," she said.



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Above and Below: Students using and not using the crosswalk on William Street.



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The Results Are In...

Freshmen Elected To Honor Council, JRB

By LINDSAY EVANS

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With thirteen candidates running for four positions on the Honor Council and eleven freshmen candidates running for five positions on the Judicial Review Board, competition was stiff.

The Judicial Review Board's new freshmen members include Taryn Bamey, Katie Donohue, Peter Larson, Paul Walsh and Aaron Zelek. This year's Honor Council electees are Liza Blumfelder, Sarah Eckman, Geoff Hoehn and Anne Turner.

"I didn't expect to win, but it was nice to win and I'm really happy that I did," said Aaron Zelek, one of the freshmen elected to the JRB.

Many of the candidates who did not win said they still plan on running again next year.

"I will probably run again next year," said freshman candidate Marta Alley. "I wanted to be in the Honor Council because I think honor and morality are two important aspects of school and life."

As many as 346 freshmen, one-third of the class, voted in the Honor Council election.

The JRB conducts hearings for students who have violated rules such as the alcohol, drug and visitation policies and consists of members from each class.

"It is important to have a student-run judicial system because we are peers and it does not put students in an intimidating situation," said sophomore member, Maryana Davidson. "We can relate to the students while holding them responsible for their own actions."

Once JRB receives an incident report, a letter is sent in the mail to the accused and then a hearing is conducted.

"When incidents are brought to our attention, there is a hearing and then a punishment is decided on," Taryn Bamey said.

To run for JRB, candidates had to complete a resume that was then posted next to the ballot for other students to view. Almost all of the candidates had different reasons for running, but each of them said they recognized the seriousness of the position they hoped to gain.

"I think having fun in college is important, but academics and being focused and driven should be held above all else," Bamey said. "If students have no regards for the rules and if they cannot have fun intelligently then they need to be held accountable."

Other students said they viewed the JRB as a stepping stone to a career in law.

"I thought it was a great way to get involved in the school and make a difference," said candidate Jonathan Marters. "I also want to be a Pre-Law major and this would have been a good opportunity to practice some of those skills."

Freshman Katie Donohue, who was elected to JRB, said she also wants to pursue law.

"I am interested in doing something with law and [JRB] will give me good insight to the legal process," she said.

The elected freshmen are required to observe the JRB process before they become an active part of it, in order to get a general idea of how the system works.

"We have to sit in on one of the hearings before we can be involved, but within a month we should be able to start hearing cases," said Bamey.

While the Honor Council and JRB are similar in the ways that they are set up, the Honor Council deals with students who have violated the school's Honor Code.

The purpose of the Honor Council is to maintain and ensure the integrity of the Honor System by holding students accountable for their own actions.

"The school is based on the Honor System and that is what makes the Honor Council a really good organization," said Honor Council President Brian Reagan.

According to Reagan, the Honor Council addresses student concerns regarding the Honor System and is in place to serve the entire college community. The council students are expected to enforce the system.

For many of the candidates, both the JRB and Honor Council provide great ways to be involved with their fellow peers.

"I think students will benefit from a student-run judiciary board because peers are more understanding and can relate to the problems," said Donohue. "Students are also more comfortable with other students, we are all in college now and we are adults so we should be able to handle these issues ourselves."

The candidates said they realize the importance of the virtues that both clubs represent and those virtues are the main reasons they want to be involved.

"I had an Honor Council at my high school and it provided a better learning environment," said Sarah Eckman. "I hope that by being on the Honor Council I can help MWC maintain its integrity, a part of the school I'm really proud of."

Arrests On Campus

By LAUREN DEANGELIS

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Two unrelated incidents on the Mary Washington College campus resulted in the arrests of two men at the end of July.

Both are charged with class one misdemeanors—one with trespassing and the other with indecent exposure.

According to Chief of Police J.C. Snipes, 62-year-old Robert Harding Jones of Stafford was arrested on July 26 and charged with trespassing after a faculty member observed him taking photos of juvenile girls at the Battleground Athletic Fields. If convicted, he faces up to 12 months in jail and/or up to a fine of \$2,500.

Also according to Snipes, David Augustus Bryant, 39, of Leesburg was arrested on July 31 and charged with indecent exposure while serving as a construction worker at the Alumni Center construction site at Trenthill Hill.

At his hearing on Sept. 11, Bryant was represented by a public defender. He pled innocent, but was sentenced to six months in jail. He is appealing the sentence.

Snipes said both men were issued trespassing warnings.

Police issued Bryant's warning at the time of his arrest for indecent exposure. Jones was arrested on the grounds of his warning violation.

According to Snipes, a Mary Washington

College faculty member witnessed Jones in the area of the trees at the Battlegrounds taking pictures of primary and secondary girls participating in a Nike field hockey camp.

When Officer Charles Hughes of the campus police questioned Jones, he insisted that it was his right to take the photos. Although taking the photos did not constitute a specific offense, Snipes said he felt that the situation merited further investigation.

"Taking those photos was making the girls and their spouses nervous," Snipes said.

Snipes said Jones drove off after questioning, leaving his driver's license with Hughes. Feeling that a pursuit was unwarranted, Hughes prepared to mail a trespassing warning to Jones' address.

Snipes said later that evening, a faculty member and students from the field hockey camp had contact with Jones again on a sidewalk. According to Snipes, Jones walked up to the girls and attempted to talk to them.

After police personally delivered the trespassing notice to Jones' residence, he was observed near the Jepson Science Center the following day. Police arrested Jones in Stafford County on the basis of the girls' description.

Police said upon Jones' arrest, the Stafford County Sheriff's office found marijuana on Jones and charged him with possession in addition to the trespassing charge brought against him by the college.

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BREAKING NEWS:

Due to anticipated hazardous weather conditions from Hurricane Isabel, Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center will be closed from 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 and will remain closed until 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 22.

During that time, all classes are cancelled and offices will be closed.

All events related to Family Weekend 2003 are cancelled.



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